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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Nov. 25-The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212. Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also. Program?

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS:

Nominations for KCDXC President will be accepted at the Meeting.

KCDXC CHRISTMAS DINNER, DEC. 16TH:

Place: Jess and Jim's Steakhouse
517 E 135th St.
Kansas City, MO 64145

Time: 1830

Please RSVP by 12/1/24 to v31lw@yahoo.com

I hope to see all of you there.

73 es Happy Thanksgiving (let's get that out of the way first),

Lee, KØLW

REMINDER: There will be no December KCDXC Newsletter-ABØX

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2467
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	328		195	38	2767
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
K0XM	339	313	283	288	116	130	31	2052
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	335	262	332	271	151	119	43	2127
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W4DTA	334	277	304	148	275	49	84	1471
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0UR	323							
NB0J	319	249	307	116				852
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0IZ	300		300					
N9GB	289							
AD0K	288	260	104	205	238	57	11	1203
N0EG	284	231	189	169		33	14	1013
NS0D	271	214	134	179	161	3	2	1002
AI60	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
W0ZB	206	158	144				2	588
K0RAR	20	27	57	196	194	29	13	1093
W0ZAP	201	40	76	178		21	5	720
N0RC	186	42	52	177	110	3	3	788
W0HL	112	30	53	97		5	8	300

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

October 28, 2024

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



The September 2024 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President Lee Ward, K0LW, at 6:37 p.m. CDT. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Conference Room 2 and on Zoom. Tom, NM0N, ran the Zoom portion.

Introductions and Comments

There was a total of twelve members in attendance, on Zoom and in person.

Lee, K0LW Cleaned house and 10 meters is hot

Rick, N0RB Worked about 900 stations in the CQ WW SSB Contest including club member Larry, DU3LA in the Philippines.

Mike, AB0X Contest

Roger, NI0R QRU

Jim, AC0KN Accidentally deleted his Dayton Hamfest presentation, so I guess that is off the table as a suggested presentation

Danny, K0DVP Activated another POTA (Parks on the Air)

Dragan, K0AP Contest 1700 QSO's, 133 entities, 34 CQ Zones, all on 10 meters

John, AB00 contest and about 50 Q's using club call W0CW

Brian KC0ZJJ, Guest went to the Ensor auction

Charlie K0THN went to the KU K-State football game with his daughters

Ron K0BRO made a few contacts on 10 meters

Presentation

John Ford, AB00, 160 Meter Antenna for Small Spaces

John has worked over 900 parks and is a casual DXer.

He had the first digital license in Canada in the 1980's.

Received the AB00 callsign in 2003.

He found he needed a portable low power antenna for 160 Meters.

He had lists of irrational and rational challenges.

His design included the following elements:

- o 100' vertical L antenna to fit in most back yards
- o A 100uH coil wound on styrofoam at the center shortened the antenna for 160 Meters.

- o It consists of a horizontal 50' section, 10' off the ground and a 50' vertical section supported by a 60' Spiderbeam fiberglass pole.

John used EZNEC antenna software by W7EL to confirm the design and determine the radiation pattern.

Presentation List

Ron K0BRO, has been appointed presentation coordinator. If you have presentation ideas send them to Ron. (QRZ.COM shows his email as K0BRO.Ron@gmail.com)

Here is a list of presentation ideas that have been mentioned lately and at this meeting:

- o Greg Best, N9GB, RF2K+ Amplifier Review/Demo
- o Michael Carper, WA9PIE, Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD)
- o Dave Fischer, W7FB, Propagation
- o Reverse Beacon Network
- o RIG Expert
- o Dave Fischer, W7FB, offered 160 Meter Propagation and Operation

DXPedititions

I do not generally report DX notices here because the information is so perishable. The KCDX Club website has a link to the DXNEWS page that is updated monthly. DXPEDITIONS Calendar - Kansas City DX Club (kcdxclub.org)

Christmas Party

The event will be held at Jess and Jim's Steakhouse in Martin City, MO on December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. (1830) CST.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 25th, 2024, the last Monday of the month, at 6:30pm CST. It will be held as usual at the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary

OCT. TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWER: What KCDXC member climbed a 100' tower, in the dark during a major thunderstorm with a pipe wrench in his pocket, to free up frozen 15 meter beam??? Who was it??? ANSWER: AB0I, John.

NOV. TRIVIA QUIZ???: The KCDXC was re-activated in the mid 1970's after a long lay off. A meeting was held in the basement of a bank somewhere on Raytown Road for the purpose of re-organizing and activating the KCDXC. Of course, W0AR(then W0AIW) was there. Can you name two other DXers who were there???

Send your answers to the Editor at ab0x@kc.rr.com

First member who answers correctly wins a jar of BJ Catfish bait.

FOR SALE:

Yaseu FT-2000 MP, transceiver, excellent condition. 200 watt model with the famous AC0C roofing filter and standard CW filter come with the transceiver. If you are interested, it can be demonstrated to anyone serious. Can deliver to



your shack! \$1100.

Alpha 76PA, (3 tubes, 8874's) recently serviced by Dick Bird Amplifier Service. Dick got 1500 watts out of tubes easily. A New front panel installed. \$1000.



Contact AB0X at ab0x@kc.rr.com for info.

If you have ham equipment you want to sell, send listing to the newsletter at ab0x@kc.rr.com.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY ABØX

The CQ WW CW CONTEST is this coming weekend! The CQ WW CW Test is always a good opportunity to hone your CW skills and fill slots.

Here's some DX News:

Heard Island Prefix Change

The following was posted by Alan, VK6CQ/VKØLD, on eHAM.net
at:<https://www.eham.net/forum/index>

The ACMA (the Australian licensing authority) has recently reviewed its amateur radio call sign policy.

One outcome of this review is that Heard Island is no longer VKØ; it is now VK9, same as Australia's other External Territories such as Cocos-Keeling Islands & Christmas Island.

For details, see page 8 of:

https://www.acma.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-09/Amateur%20radio%20call%20sign%20policy_September%202024.pdf

Two other DXCC entities are also likely to be similarly affected, namely Lord Howe and Macquarie, since neither are External Territories. Rather, Lord Howe Island is part of the state of New South Wales (VK2) and Macquarie Island is an outlying part of the state of Tasmania (VK7).

The document also states that the ACMA will now only assign Antarctic call signs to licensed amateurs actively serving with the Australian Government's Antarctic Program. In other words, anyone contemplating a future private DXpedition to Heard or Macquarie may as well forget it.

All done behind closed doors by Government lawyers with little regard for amateur radio tradition or history.

Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW

3B8M & 3B9KW -- Mauritius (CQWDXCW Update)

Olof, GØCKV, posted the following on QRZ.com (edited by OPDX):

3B8M will again be active M/M in CQWWCW 2024. Team in 2024 will include
GØCKV (3B8HA), KX7M, 403A, 3B8GL, E7ØA, SMØCXU, YL3JA, YL2KL, YT1HA, YT7KM, YU6DX and YU9DX.



This is a field-day style operation. All antennas and stations have to

be erected and assembled and then taken down in a few days around the contest weekend. Antennas at 3B8M are all vertical wires on Spiderbeam poles and next to the Indian Ocean with an unobstructed take-off in most directions. On 160 a toploaded vertical (umbrella) is used, on 80 an inverted-L and on 40 a vertical dipole. The 40m antenna is out in the lagoon on a rock. For 20, 15 and 10 VDAs are used and also omni vertical dipoles. Our VDAs are typically 2-element vertical dipole arrays (vertical yagis). In 2023 we also played with pairs of 'stacked' VDAs. We used stack-match and control boxes from Jan at qro.cz . This allowed the operators on 20, 15 and 10 to select VDA 1, VDA 2, both VDAs or the omni vertical dipole. In 2024 we might add aluminium vertical yagis to the mix.

Noise is high on the LF bands in the tropics. Our location has low noise locally but propagated noise level is high when the bands are open. We have little space for receive antennas but as an experiment we have built a K9AY which we hope to put some 50m out on a rock in the lagoon. A receive triplexer makes the K9AY usable on 160-80-40. The K9AY setup also uses hardware from qro.cz .

In 2024 we will use a mix of K3, FTdx10 and Flex radios with SPE, Juma and PGXL amplifiers running 800W and will try some inband QSOs too.

N6VI did a virtual club talk on the 2019 3B8M operation which can be watched here (<https://youtu.be/4NudSnTqPjo/>).

WX0V recorded our 80m pile-up in 2019 here (<https://youtu.be/4NudSnTqPjo/>).



G0CKV did a talk on contesting at RSGB Convention 2020 here and a talk about 3B8 and 3B9 contesting in 2022 available here (<https://youtu.be/4I15adTwTgc?feature=shared>).

Follow us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/3B8Mauritius>

Twitter: Follow @3B8Mauritius

Charles, M00X0, is taking care of all QSL duties.

Kazu, M0CFW (JK3GAD), will in 2024 again be 3B9KW for a SOAB entry. He will be on the island between November 17-27th. QSL via LoTW. Paper QSL card later.

T88DT & T88RC -- PALAU

From QRZ.com (edited by OPDX):

Operators Noboru/JH10LB and Tony/JH1FFW will once again be active as T88DT

and T88RC, respectively, from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between November 15-19th. Activity is usually on 160-6 meters (depending on condition) using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, FT8, SSTV and JT65A. "This time only" QSL T88DT via LoTW. QSL T88RC via JH1FFW by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.



For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:
<https://palau-radio-club.jimdofree.com/vip-guest-hotel>

ARLD043 DX news

DX Bulletin 43 ARLD043
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT November 14, 2024
To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Kazu, M0CFW will be QRV as 3B9/M0CFW from November 17 to 27. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being active as 3B9KW in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. A large group of operators are QRV as 3D2Y until December 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 6 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to M00X0.

UGANDA, 5X. Don, G3XTT and Alan, G3XAQ are QRV as 5X1DF and 5X1XA, respectively, until November 27. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and FT8. This includes being active in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL 5X1DF via G3XTT, and 5X1XA via G3SWH.

LESOTHO, 7P. Wolfgang, HB9CSS is QRV as 7P8EA until November 21. Activity is in his spare time on 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

CHILE, CE. A group of operators are QRV as 3G7X from Chiloe Island, IOTA SA-018, until November 30. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using all modes. They plan to be active as XR7X in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

SOUTH COOK ISLAND, E5. Operators LZ1GC and LZ5QZ are QRV as E51SGC from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, until November 24. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via LZ1GC.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, E7. Special event station E7BOSNIA is QRV until November 25 to celebrate Statehood Day. Activity is on various bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Bob, W7YAO and Al, K7AR will be QRV as FW7AA from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, from November 16 to 29. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via W7YAO.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Rikk, WE9G is QRV as FY/WE9G from Matoury until November 23. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using mostly FT8 with SuperFox or MSHV, and some CW, SSB, and FT4. QSL to home call.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island, IOTA OC-073, until the beginning of March 2025. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and FT8. QSL direct to JA8CJY.

BELGIUM, ON. Special event station 0080BB will be QRV from November 16 to December 15 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. QSL via operators' instructions.

SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Dave, WJ20 will be QRV as PJ6/WJ20 from Saba, IOTA NA-145, from November 17 to 26. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via N2ZN.

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, S9. A large group of operators are QRV as S9Z from Sao Tome, IOTA AS-023, until November 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, 70 centimeters EME, and on Satellite QO-100, using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

PALAU, T8. Nobu, JH1OLB and Tony, JH1FFW are QRV as T88DT and T88RC, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until November 20. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Gerben, PG5M is QRV as VP8G until November 25. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters. QSL via M00X0.

INDIA, VU. Datta, VU2DSI is QRV as AU2JCB until December 16 to commemorate the birthdate of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, and FM on 10 and 6 meters. QSL direct to home call.

ST. HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. Operators JM1GDA and JF3SFU are QRV as ZD7G and ZD7SFU, respectively, until November 24. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and SSB with some CW. QSL direct to home calls.

CHATHAM ISLAND, ZL7. Holger, ZL3IO and Xenia, ZL4YL will be QRV as ZL7IO and ZL7YL, respectively, from November 19 to 26. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being active in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

ANTARCTICA. Oleg, ZS1ANF is QRV as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud

Land, IOTA AN-016, until late February 2025. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via DL5EBE.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Contest, ARRL EME Contest, All Austrian 160-Meter CW Contest, REF 160-Meter CW Contest, RSGB 1.8 MHz CW Contest, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, LZ DX Contest, South American Integration Contest CW, Feld Hell Sprint, FISTS Sunday CW Sprint, Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment CW Party and the Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest will certainly keep testers busy this upcoming weekend.

The K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, QRP Fox 40-Meter CW Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW and the Mini-Test 80 CW are on tap for November 18 to 20.

Please see November QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

THANKS, KN8NW AND ARRL DX BULLETIN!

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